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Services Division

European Satellites Committee

(Meeting on Wednesday, 19 September, 1956, 1330)

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The Committee discussed the following current items:

1. West Germany has requested quota relief from COCOM for the sale of 8 turbo-generator sets of 50 megawatts each to Poland.

Comment: A purchase of this magnitude would measurably enhance the country's (and the Bloc's) electric power potential. The power requirements of the various Bloc countries have considerably exceeded their capabilities in recent years. (X2250) C.

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2. The Polish have indicated that, beginning next year, they intend to install wired television service. Programs are to be transmitted from a central television receiving set to simplified receivers installed in homes. The system is to result in a lowered cost of television and a simplification of set servicing.

Comment: The economy to be achieved is likely to be small, since the type of receiver to be used in homes can be little different from the conventional television receiver. Wire lines required to provide reasonable picture fidelity would be more expensive to install than regular telephone lines. OFF USE. (X2814)

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Agenda: 26 September, 1956. Room, 2130 M, 1330.

1. Current items. 25X1A9a
2. Dr. [REDACTED] of the Geographic Division will speak on some of the main geographical problems in the Satellite areas.

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